

Busch River Community Council (BRCC) Meeting minutes for Monday, July 15, 2013

Randy Conlon is on vacation. Chris Henn is acting as Chairman in his absence.

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm.

Attendance: Board members: Michael Carr, & Christine Henn. Jamie Meier representative for Councilwoman Mary Ann Lisanti from District F, Lt. Michael Saylor of the Harford County Sheriff's Office, and Sheriff L. Jesse Bane, Steve Johnson from Aberdeen Economic Development, Art Helton, Andrew Tress representative for HC Council President Billy Boniface, Matthew Minson, and Maureen Eller.

Matthew Minson: From the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland. Peter Franchot. Stated the Comptroller is working to do more with less. Many tax returns are being processed online now which saves a lot of money for the State of MD. When returns are processed online the refunds are electronically deposited back to the taxpayers to their banks of choice. There is currently a House Bill # 831 and Senate Bill # 698 that they are working on to allow a refund to a taxpayer to go to more than one bank account. He feels certain that both Bills will go through.

MD is also sponsoring a SHOP MD TAX FREE week to be from August 11 – 17, 2013. It will be just in time for back to school shopping. Accessories are not included in the tax free week. In February, 2014 there will be an energy tax free week. If you purchase items such as AC's Washer/Dryers, Heat Pumps, Dishwashers etc. you will not have to pay sales tax on these items. More information will follow later.

Another incentive is on unclaimed property. Assets not inherited does it belong to anyone. You will be able to see if you have a long lost relative who left you some property. You can check for yourself at <https://interactive.marylandtaxes.com/Individuals/Unclaimed/default.aspx>

Maureen Eller: Publication Manager for the new "Southern County" Magazine. It will promote the areas of Edgewood, APG-Edgewood area, Abingdon, Joppa Town, Joppa, Belcamp & Bush River. Maureen expects the first publication to be out by the second week in August. Deadline for articles and advertising is July 26th. Their first feature will be focusing on Edgewood Stock. Their hope is for the first issue to be 10,000 copies for distribution. Funding for the magazine is through advertising only. They are focusing on area attractions. This magazine is FREE and distribution points will be Shop Rites, CVS pharmacy, libraries, and some area restaurants. They are focusing on the printed magazine now with the hopes of getting it online soon.

Lt. Michael Saylor: Office of the Sheriff stated that all crimes are down for Sector 20 in comparison from this time in 2012. Taking three areas of crime:

#1 alarms	in 2012 were 91	2013 were 57
#2 Suspicious Incidents	in 2012 were 38	2013 were 36
#3 Domestic	in 2012 were 35	2013 were 29

Total crashes monthly comparison in 2012 were 4... in 2013 were 0 -100% change.

Total calls for service monthly comparison in 2012 were 937 and in 2013 were 945: a +1% change. Most calls are in the Belcamp and Perrywood area this month. Most calls for home invasions are in the daytime and Business are at nighttime. Remember to lock your home when

you are leaving as well as your car when you return home for the day.

Jamie Meier asked Sheriff Bane about a Noise violation.

Sheriff Bane stated In order for a person to be cited with this violation it has to be more than one person making the complaint, because one person is not a true representative of a community. They have also sent this back to the MD Department of Environment to address the regulations on noise. What usually happens is the sheriff' office receives a call about loud music coming from a home because they are having a party. The sheriff officer tells the people what can happen if they choose not to keep the peace and turn down the music. The offender turns it down while the sheriff are there and a soon as they leave it goes back up again. The sheriff officer tells the person making the complaint that they must get a group of neighbors together to make one complaint about the music. They will also have to go to court to testify against that person. Most people do not want to take it that far because they will have to take time off from work to go to court. However, the fine for disturbing the peace can be as high as \$10,000.00 dollars. Most people find this out and cease the disturbance. Right now the sheriff office cannot enforce the peace on noise violations because it has not been clearly defined as County ordinance. Sheriff Bane sees this is something that is going to have to be looked at in the future so we do not have motorcycles riding next to nursing homes or libraries or schools or other loud noises disturbing other quiet buildings. Also, any township would be exempt from enforcement unless they themselves adopted similar noise violations in order for the Sheriff's office to enforce.

Andrew Tress: Representative for Billy Boniface, HC Council President, stated that there is a Public Meeting this Thursday, July 18th at the Abingdon Fire Company Hall from 6:00 – 7:30pm. The meeting is about the MD RT 7 Bridge over the James Run in Harford County that will be getting a face lift in the summer of 2014. The bridge will provide a safer travel area. The meeting is an open to anyone and you may arrive at any time. There is no formal presentation.

Art Helton candidate for State Senate seat 34A spoke that he is interested in any issues that is on the minds of residents of Harford County. If anyone has questions, please email him at Arthelton@aol.com.

Steve Johnson candidate for State Delegate in our area stated he has worked in the office of Tourism for Aberdeen and has served on the Economic Development for Aberdeen and is an Aberdeen police officer. He is also interested in listening to people in this area about issues they may have and are not getting any help in resolving with our current representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Chris Henn for approval 7.18.13

Next meeting is on Monday, September 16th at 6:30 pm

